

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Meier, et al..  
Serial Number : To be Assigned  
Filing Date : Concurrently Herewith  
For : SINTERED SILICON CARBIDE BODIES WITH OPTIMISED  
TRIBOLOGICAL PROPERTIES FOR THE SLIDE AND  
SEALING SURFACES THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 18, 2005

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the application as follows: